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17 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**

18 **DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

19 BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.,

Case No.: 2:21-CV-00971-GMN-EJY

20 Plaintiff,

**STIPULATION TO STAY CASE
PENDING *WELLS FARGO II* APPEAL**

21 vs.

22 FIDELITY NATIONAL TITLE GROUP,
INC., ET AL.,

23 Defendants.

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25 Plaintiff Bank of America, N.A. (“BANA”) and defendants Fidelity National Title Group,
26 Inc., Fidelity National Title Insurance Company, Chicago Title Insurance Company, and Chicago
27 Title of Nevada, Inc. (“Defendants,” and with BANA, the “Parties”), by and through their
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1 undersigned counsel, stipulate and agree as follows, subject to the approval of the District Court:

2 **WHEREAS**, this is one of several title insurance coverage disputes pending in this district
 3 following an HOA foreclosure sale. The majority of cases concern the ALTA 1992 loan policy of
 4 title insurance with form 1 coverage, along with the CLTA 100/ALTA 9 Endorsement and either
 5 the CLTA 115.1/ALTA 4 Endorsement or the CLTA 115.2/ALTA 5 Endorsement;

6 **WHEREAS**, one such matter is on appeal in *Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. v. Fidelity National*
 7 *Title Ins. Co.*, Ninth Cir. Case No. 19-17332 (District Court Case No. 3:19-cv-00241-MMD-
 8 WGC) (the “*Wells Fargo II Appeal*”). The Ninth Circuit has scheduled oral argument in that case
 9 for October 20, 2021, and the parties anticipate that the Ninth Circuit will issue its decision in the
 10 *Wells Fargo II Appeal* soon after that date;

11 **WHEREAS**, the Parties anticipate that the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals’ decision in the
 12 *Wells Fargo II Appeal* will likely touch upon issues regarding the interpretation of the title
 13 insurance policy that could potentially affect the disposition of this action, particularly given some
 14 of the similarities between the policy at issue in *Wells Fargo II Appeal* and the policy here;

15 **WHEREAS**, BANA has filed a motion to remand this action to the Eighth District Court
 16 (ECF No. 7) and a motion for fees (ECF No. 8);

17 **WHEREAS**, Defendants’ time to oppose the motion to remand, to oppose the motion for
 18 fees, and to file responsive pleadings has not yet expired;

19 **WHEREAS**, because the *Wells Fargo II Appeal* has the potential to resolve certain
 20 matters at issue in this case, the Parties stipulate and agree that a stay in this particular case
 21 pending the outcome *Wells Fargo II Appeal* is appropriate;

22 **NOW THEREFORE**, the Parties, by and through their undersigned counsel, hereby
 23 stipulate and agree as follows:

24 1. The instant action shall be **STAYED** pending the issuance of the mandate pursuant to
 25 Fed. R. App. P. 41(a) in the *Wells Fargo II Appeal*.

26 2. Defendants’ deadline to oppose BANA’s motion to remand this action to the Eighth
 27 District Court (ECF No. 7) and motion for fees (ECF No. 8) is hereby **CONTINUED**,
 28 and will be reset by mutual agreement of the Parties once the stay is lifted, without

prejudice to any arguments that Defendants might assert in opposition to those motions.

3. To the extent that BANA has served the complaint and summons on any of Defendants, their deadline to file a responsive pleading arising under Fed. R. Civ. P. 12 is hereby **VACATED** without prejudice to any defenses that such Defendants might assert under Fed. R. Civ. P. 12. Defendants' deadline to file responsive pleadings will be reset when the stay of this action is lifted.
4. The Parties shall submit their proposed schedule to complete briefing on the motion to remand, the motion for fees, and for the served Defendants to file their responsive pleadings within 30 days of when the stay is lifted.
5. Each of the Parties may request a Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(f) conference at any time 180 days after the order granting this stipulation.
6. By entering into this stipulation, none of the Parties is waiving its right to subsequently move the Court for an order lifting the stay in this action.

Dated: August 31, 2021

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IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated this 2 day of September, 2021.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the parties shall submit a joint status report regarding the status of *Wells Fargo II* every ninety (90) days, beginning December 1, 2021.

Gloria M. Navarro, District Judge
United States District Court

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